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Ceremony Redesignates 75th Division

HOUSTON -- On September 25, 1999 a ceremony was held redesignating the 75th Division (Exercise) to the 75th Division (Training Support). Guest of honor at the ceremony was LTG Robert Foley, commanding general of the 5th Army.

Under the new structure, the 75th Division will be comprised of soldiers from the Active Army, the Army Reserve and the National Guard.

The division will have a Division Headquarters, a Battle Command & Staff Training Brigade and Training Support Brigades.

The Training Support Brigades will have a headquarters staffed primarily by active duty soldiers, in addition to both active and reserve



Photo by Sgt. Susan Reilly

component battalions.

The primary mission of the 75th Division will be providing the training support assistance and evaluation needed by Reserve Component units prior to, during, and after mobilization.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the assembly hall of the headquarters for the 75th Division. Additional photos can be found on page six of The Bulletin.

“The Luckiest Man Alive”

HOUSTON-- World War II veteran, Walter Tiedman, holds the helmet he was wearing on Christmas morning 1945, when he was shot in the head by a German sniper.

Tiedman, a member of Company K, 290th Infantry, 75th Infantry Division during WW II, was visiting the 75th Division Memorial Museum at the headquarters of the current 75th Division (Training Support), for the 53rd Annual 75th Infantry Veteran's Association Reunion held September 8th-12th.

Tiedman was looking down, trying to unjam the weapon of a fellow soldier, when a German bullet whizzed through the top of



Photo By Sgt. Susan Reilly

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75th Hosts Bulge Busters

HOUSTON-- The 75th World War II Veterans held their annual reunion in Houston September 8-12th. On September 10th, over 400 WWII veterans and their families visited the 75th Division Headquarters. The veterans came from nearly all-50 states to attend this reunion.

The WWII veterans spent their day visiting our World War II Memorial, watching a simulation reenactment of The Battle of the Bulge prepared by the Battle Projection Center and attending a "Texas" Bar-B-Q hosted by Luther's restaurant.

Many of the Veterans were visibly touched as they toured the World War II Memorial. One of the attendees was one of the luckiest men in the 75th. During the Battle of the Bulge he survived after being shot through his helmet. He still has the scar that gave his hair a new "part". The Memorial has his helmet complete with bullet hole on display.

Several WWII items that the 75th Infantry Division captured during "The Battle of the Bulge" were on display throughout the reserve center. German weapons, Nazi Flags, uniforms, and maps were just a few of the hundreds of captured enemy artifacts on display. Several soldiers wore authentic World War II uniforms as they welcome the visitors.

The 75th Infantry Division during World War II was first known as the "Diaper Division" because the average age of the soldiers was 19. After participating in the "Battle of the Bulge" the 75th acquired a new moniker "The Bulge Busters". These "Bulge Busters" concluded their activities for the week with a Ball at the Radisson Astrodomo Hotel.

New Sheriff In Town



I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for their support of the Public Affairs Office over the last four plus years. Major Hugh R. McNeely will be taking over the reins on November 6. Major McNeely is an Infantry officer coming out of a IMA assignment.

Looking back over these past years, I have had many challenges and experiences I will never forget. Everything from defending the unit from media assaults, congressional inquiries, and Department of the Army investigations, to taking pictures of Santa at annual Holiday parties. As Charles Dickens once said, "it was the best of times, and the worst of times."

One of the best things about the job was the privilege of getting to know many of you. The 75th Division is made up of so many unique and talented individuals and it is a real honor to be able to serve along side of you. Most of the general public unfortunately has very little idea about the sacrifices that are required these days to be a part of the Army Reserves. The days of one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer are over for most of the Reserves, as you well know. It may not mean much to you but the people that I talk to at schools, civic events and government officials appreciate your sacrifices.

I leave this position with a lot of mixed emotions. The position has been stressful at times but for the most part, its been a lot of fun. As I saddle my horse and head for the barn, I wish you the very best!

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Learning Through Lanes Training

By Sgt. Susan Reilly, 75th Div. HHC

“They’re flanking themselves to the enemy,” observed veteran tanker SM Mike Urich from the 6th Training Support Battalion Armor, 5th Army, as he peered toward the horizon at the column of M1A1 Abrams tanks making their way over a small ridge in the rolling landscape of Fort Polk, Louisiana.

What would have been a deadly error in combat is an opportunity for learning during lanes training conducted by elements of the 75th Division in July at Ft. Polk, LA.



Photos on this page by Spc. Felipe Barrera

The goal of lanes training is to provide training and evaluation for Reserve units that support combat units to ensure that these support units meet the Army’s standard.

Each unit being evaluated is given a training assessment matrix (TAM) which is like a report card. It lets the soldiers know what they’ve done right and what tasks they need to practice on more.

For the members of Charlie Company, 199th Forward Support Battalion, practice means finding volunteers for “pin cushion” duty, that is, those willing to be stuck with needles to help train fellow soldiers. For one such soldier, Sgt. Michael Jeanis, 3rd Battalion, 289th Regiment, volunteering meant getting stuck six times with an IV needle. These exercises are an

opportunity for reserve medics to “practice” in a battlefield setting. To Sgt. Jeanis, it’s all for a good cause—insuring his fellow soldiers are highly trained.

Promotions and Awards

Enlisted Promotions

Sergeant

Allen, Marcellous A.

Goodwin, Leola R.

Jones, Carmella C.

King, Christopher M.

LLamas, Brenda L.

Raizada, Aparna B.

Staff Sergeant

Kloberdanz, Steven W.

Martin, Marcel T.

McCracken, Robert

Mundine, Jerold A.

Reed-Johnson, Angela L.

Warren, Richard C.

Awards

Left to Right: LTC Stanley Cuyler, 2nd BD- Army Commendation Medal; SPC Tonya M. Fells, 2nd BD- Army Commendation Medal; SGT Karl M. Laddie, 2nd BD-Meritorius Service Medal; MSG James E. Goffrey, HHC- Meritorius Service Medal; MAJ Elijah Thomas, 2nd BD- Meritorius



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Service Medal; MAJ Regina Shedrick, HHC- Meritorius Service Medal.

75th Division Welcomes New G-2 Section

The G-2 Office welcomes LTC Karen Shaddick, as the new Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. LTC Shaddick has come from assignment as the Division Chief, Internal Review. Prior to duty with the 75th, LTC Shaddick was the Military Intelligence Branch Chief at the FORSCOM Augmentation Unit, Atlanta, GA.

The Assistant G-2, LTC Julie Herrmann, is an active duty officer. Her most recent assignment was Battalion Commander/Professor of Military Science at the University of Houston. She is prior enlisted and received her commission through Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, GA. LTC Herrmann can be reached at phone: 713-799-7598, email: Julie.Herrmann~usarcmh2.army.mil.

The G-2 Sergeant Major is SGM George Markham, and he is the newest member. SGM Markham came to the section after serving as the Command Sergeant Major for the 2nd Brigade.

You may have noticed MP Brassard and an increased presence of the Division's Physical Security lately. Within the past year, the Division's Physical Security Branch has had a 100% personnel change

over and a new aggressive focus on customer service for the security of the Division's personnel, property and equipment. The Physical Security Branch Chief, MAJ Ronald Jewell, comes to the Division from the 6th MP Group, USACIDC. SFC Juan Reyes, NCOIC, came to the Division from the 2nd Brigade, he was on active duty as an MP and Infantryman. SSG Shannon Lightsey was both an MP and CID Special Agent on active duty and reserves. Collectively, the office has over 40 years of law enforcement experience, both military and civilian.

The Intelligence Branch Chief is MAJ Larry Marek. MAJ Marek has been with the Division for three years and previously worked in the 1st Brigade, OPFOR section. CW4 Robert Paquette joined the Intel team in June 1999 from the 3435th Military Intelligence Detachment in Fort Devens, MA., which specializes in foreign weapons evaluations. MSG Fernando Rodriguez has been with the Intel team since 1993, he is also a DA civilian here at the unit. SSG Marc Mincks, Intel NCO, has been in the section for almost two years, he came to the Division from the Texas Army National Guard.

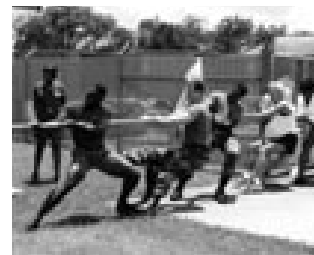
"O-Day" is Fun Day for the 75th

By Sgt. Trisha Benson, 75th Div. HHC

HHC 75th Division worked hard to plan a fun filled picnic for Organization Day in August. It never fails, when you plan a day outside, the skies seem dark and gloomy, but not even a slight chance of rain could stop HHC from making this the best picnic ever.

The picnic began with caterers serving barbecue and lemonade. There were many activities planned. Horseshoes, softball, volleyball, card games and tug-o-war were the activities of the day. As some soldiers enjoyed the meal, the most exciting event of all, tug-o-war, was on its way with the officers vs. the enlisted. You could see the unity among the soldiers while watching the two groups striving for victory. After all the teamwork, tugging and cheering the enlisted came out on top to win the tug-o-war game.

However, the fun did not stop there. We all went to the field behind the division headquarters building for a game of volleyball and softball. By the end of the day, every soldier left with a smile on his or her face and fond memories of a great Organization Day. Without the support of all the soldiers and the generosity of HHC, the event would not have been a success.



Remember Veteran's Day

By Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC

Remember Veteran's Day.

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

WW II Reunion Memories



Left: Veteran Forrest M. Chapman of Portland, OR was touring the Memorial Museum when he found a picture with a familiar face - his own! Chapman was a cook who often traded cigarettes with local residents near Holland just to provide fresh eggs to his men. The picture of Chapman and some fellow soldiers was taken in front of an abandoned house that was being used as a company kitchen.

Right: Veterans and their families tour the 75th Division Memorial Museum. Many of the items on display were donated by the veterans themselves.



Below: Two veterans reminisce with one of the reenactment soldiers dressed in a vintage WW II uniform.



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his helmet, scrapping a path across his scalp and exiting through the back of his helmet. He was stunned, but not seriously wounded.

To this day, his head bears the scar from the day he became "the luckiest man alive."

Scenes From the Redesignation Ceremony



The 1st Cavalry Division Band from Fort Hood, TX plays patriotic music during the 75th Division's Redesignation ceremony in September.



Special Staff in Action: Col Ralph Morris, Division Surgeon; Maj Larry Boyd, Public Affairs Officer and Col Ronald Duncan, Chaplain.



Above: Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, 5th Army Commanding General and MG Darrel McDaniel, 75th Division, Commanding General, cut the cake during the reception following the redesignation ceremony.



Left: Lt. Gen. Robert Foley and CSM John Proffitt, 75th Div. Command Sergeant Major, take the opportunity to chat during the reception.



Chaffee Soldiers Reconnect With Local Veterans

By CPT Andrew C Mutter, Commander B Co., 2nd Battalion (TS) (IN), 393rd Reg., 75th Div (TS)

FORT CHAFFEE, Arkansas-Cadence echoed through the mountains of northwest Arkansas as soldiers from Fort Chaffee ran the American flag approximately 80 miles and presented it to the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Fayetteville.

“This is a great way for us to give back to the community and show our devotion to those who served their country,” said LTC Donald Jackson, Commander, 2nd Battalion (Training Support) (Infantry), 393rd Regiment, 75th Training Support Division. “We cannot forget all the men and women who have gone before us, and we need to honor their service and sacrifice.”

About 100 soldiers from 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions of the 393rd Regiment each ran approximately 30 miles throughout the cold night to present the American flag to the VA Center. Although Fort Chaffee is no longer an active-duty installation, it serves as the Forward Headquarters for 2nd Bde, 75th Training Support Division out of San Antonio, Texas. The active-duty soldiers are part of the Active Component/Reserve Component (AC/RC) program responsible for observing/controlling and training National Guard units from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Texas.

“I think it is a good thing,” said SSG Charges Szuba, B Co., 2nd Bn, 393rd Reg. “It gives the unit some visibility within the community, shows them who we are and hopefully it will brighten a veterans day.”

The run culminated with a very special ceremony held in the Veterans Center of Fayetteville as soldiers from 1st Bn, 393rd Reg. proudly presented the American flag to Dr. Mark Enderle, acting director of the Veterans Medical Center.

Later that afternoon soldiers from the 2nd Bn, 393rd Reg. proudly marched in the Veteran’s Day parade through downtown Fayetteville representing the entire brigade.

“Being able to see the pride and enthusiasm in the faces of those who stood watching, and the proud veterans who stood at attention as we passed by strikes me deep in my heart,” said Jackson. “This is what freedom means.”

Dispelling Retirement Myths

By Laura Paul, Public Affairs Specialist, Army Retirement Services

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Dec. 2, 1999) - Will Social Security affect my military retirement pay? How do I estimate my retired pay? Won’t my spouse continue to receive my retirement pay after I die? What will the Survivor Benefit Plan cost? What benefit will my surviving spouse receive? These are just a few of the questions fielded by Max Beilke, the deputy chief of Army Retirement Services, at a special retirement briefing at the annual Army Family Action Plan Planning Conference held Nov. 15-19 in McLean, Va.

Beilke, whose audience included active-duty soldiers, retirees, reservists, and family members, debunked a few myths. “There are still soldiers and retirees who think Social Security will reduce their retired pay. It won’t,” he said. “We still hear from widows who thought they’d still get their husband’s retired pay after he died. They don’t.

Retired pay stops with the death of the retiree. “Some of these widows are living on Social Security. It doesn’t take more than a couple of letters from widows like these to make you a believer in the Survivor Benefit Plan.”

When soldiers elect SBP, they pay 6.5 percent of their retirement pay so their surviving spouse will receive 35 percent of retired pay upon the death of the retiree, said officials. If your spouse is not age 62 when you die, the government adds to the benefit and the spouse receives 55 percent of your retired pay until age 62. At age 62, your spouse receives 35 percent of your retired pay.

Beilke said soldiers could get answers to retirement-related questions from their local Retirement Services Officer. A list of RSOs and retirement information can be accessed via the Army Retirement Services homepage at www.odcsper.army.mil/retir.

From the Health Front: Testicular Cancer

Along with wisdom and experience, testicular cancer is one of the very few good things about growing older. That's because a man's risk of developing the disease declines as he ages. Testicular cancer occurs most often between the ages of 20 and 35; in fact, it is the most common cancer in that age group. But beyond age 40, it becomes progressively less common. Still, it's important for all men to understand this disease-particularly since most cases are recognized first by the patient himself, allowing early diagnosis and treatment that can cure this otherwise deadly disease. About 7,000 American men will develop the disease in 1999 alone. Except for some very young males, most patients will be in their 20's and 30's and most will be white; the disease is seven times more likely to develop in Caucasians than African-Americans.

In the vast majority of cases, cancer develops in the sperm-producing germ cells of the testicle, and most of these tumors are classified as seminomas. Although there are important difference between seminomas and the less common types of testicular cancer, they are diagnosed and staged according to similar guidelines. A common feature of testicular cancer is its rapid growth: the most aggressive tumors can double in size in just 20-30 days. That's much faster than most other malignancies; some discomfort, and sharp pain can occur if there is bleeding into the tumor. Symptoms such as weight loss, enlarged lymph nodes, back pain, and swollen breasts suggest widespread disease; fortunately, they are unusual. Not all scrotal masses are cancerous in fact, benign disorders are much more common. Doctors can often recognized benign problems by simple criteria.

A surgical biopsy will permit doctors to diagnose the various types of testicular cancer. To plan the best treatment, through, they will also need to determine if the tumor has spread. Computed tomography (CT) has replaced older test in identifying abnormal lymph nodes in the abdomen and chest. The results are used to establish clinical stages. Several systems are in use; a simplified North American system follows.

Just 30 years ago, 90 percent of men with testicular cancer died from the disease; today, more than 90 percent are cured. Most patients have surgery and, if indicated, will with receive x-ray therapy to lymph nodes in the pelvis.

Remember, self-examination is an important part of early diagnosis.

CSM Kraus Retires

Story & Photo By Spc Felipe Barrera

Soldiers from the HHC 75th Div (E) conducted and celebrated a retirement ceremony for CSM Phillip R. Kraus August 8, 1999.

The ceremony started at 1300 hrs with a formation of division soldiers, brilliant flags and the color guard. In addition to these, were numerous guests consisting of family members, personal friends, soldiers Kraus had worked with and fellow CSM's from throughout the division. During the formation, the division flag exchange between the old and new CSM took place.

The ceremony continued in the division drill hall where a reception was held with refreshments, family and friends.

Since arriving to the division in April of 1996, CSM Kraus has accumulated many cherished and fond memories.

"One of my greatest memories here is being able to see promotions," said Kraus. "Seeing the soldiers feel comfortable makes you feel good."

When asked about some departing thoughts Kraus said, "1999 was a good year for the division." "I'm convinced that senior leadership is in place." "But most of all I'm going to miss the people."



Retirees Main Support of Military Retirement Homes

By Laura Paul Public Affairs Specialist for Army Retirement Services

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 10, 1999) — Army retirees are leading the way in support of the two Armed Forces Retirement Homes.

More than 2,100 Army retirees have set up allotments from their retired pay to support the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Naval Home in Gulfport, Miss.

Voluntary retiree allotments have brought \$116,500 to the AFRH, with 80 percent coming from the Army.

The AFRH are the only veterans' homes run by the federal government. The homes are open to retirees age 60 and older with 20 or more years of active duty service; or veterans unable to earn a livelihood due to a service-connected disability; or veterans who served in a war theater or received hostile fire pay and are unable to earn a livelihood due to a non-service-connected disability; or female veterans who served before 1948.

The veterans' homes are looking to retirees for funding because downsizing has resulted in a decrease in support from active-duty service members. Since 1990, active-duty funding—coming from 50-cents-a-month in pay withholding per service member and fines and forfeitures—has dropped 39.1 percent, equating to \$142 million.

Anyone wishing to support the Homes or find more about the Homes can write to: Armed Forces Retirement Home; 3700 N. Capitol St.; Washington, D.C. 20317, or they can call Kerri Childress at 1-800-422-9988 or (202) 722-3556, or visit their website at www.AFHR.com.

Reserve Officers Have Less Time For Schools

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, August 2, 1999) - Army reserve component first lieutenants through lieutenant colonels will need to complete more quickly than in the past the professional military education that is required before they are considered qualified to be considered for promotion to the next higher grade.

Under a change in law, which took effect Oct. 1, 1996, reserve component officers must be considered for promotion and, if selected, promoted prior to reaching their maximum years-of-service for their current grade. The law affects U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard officers.

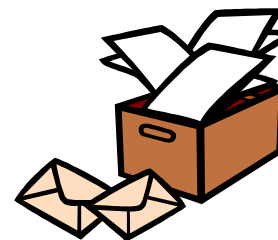
The Director of Military Personnel Management directed the expansion of reserve component officer promotion board zones of consideration in order to ensure compliance with the law. Use of expanded zones of consideration will begin in May 2001 and will likely result in some officers being considered for promotion earlier than otherwise anticipated.

Some officers now may be considered up to a year earlier than they now anticipate. As a result, all officers who will be considered for promotion between May 2001 and April 2005 should complete the professional military education required for promotion in their competitive category as soon as possible.

Those officers who do not meet their military education requirements before their promotion board's convene date will be considered to be not educationally qualified and will not be selected for promotion.

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